Docket No. 99-111DIV1 **PATENT**

Applicants have filed a Petition Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) in response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application.

In dismissing the petition, the Senior Petitions Attorney found that in view of the incorporation by reference of the prior application, the drawings of Figures 1 and 2 (which are a part of the prior application) are not new matter.

Applicants are therefore submitting this Preliminary Amendment A to include Figures 1 and 2 in the specification.

Applicants believe no fees are required. If necessary, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with this application, throughout the pendency thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

MARKED UP VERSION INDICATING AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS, AND INDICATING NEW OR CANCELLED CLAIMS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*** Figures 1 and 2 are submitted for filing.